

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Brad S. Culbert et al.
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Examiner	:	Anuradha Ramana
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated October 30, 2008 and is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Summary of Interview** begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.